GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION EXPORT OF COFFEE
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coffee exports from India are mainly of the `robusta` variety;

(b) whether there is a world-wide glut of coffee in the `robusta` variety;

(c) whether the Coffee Board planned its production properly;

(d) the expectations for Indian exports in 2000-2001;

(e) whether expectations have not been met; and

(f) if so, the plans of the Government to tackle the forthcoming year for coffee exports, particularly robusta coffee exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Over 80% of coffee produced in India is exported, out of which around 70% is of robusta variety. In recent months due to over supply of coffee, the prices of coffee particularly of robusta have been witnessing a downward trend in the global markets.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) : The target set for export of coffee during the year 2000-01 is 1.90 lakh tonnes. As on date a quantity of 1,90,367 MT of coffee has already been exported. Thus, export of coffee is expected to exceed 2 lakh MTs in the current year.